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Florence Man Arrested on Child Pornography Charges

(**COLUMBIA**, **S.C.**) South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced the arrest of Lentheus McAlister (DOB: 1971) of Florence, S.C. on nine (9) counts involving the sexual exploitation of a minor. The Florence County Sheriff's Office, a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, made the arrest.

Investigators say McAlister was involved in sending child pornography via file sharing.

A search warrant was obtained and executed at McAlister's residence on April 21, 2015. Computer equipment was discovered which contained child pornography.

McAlister was arrested and charged with nine (9) counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor second, degree (§16-15-405), a felony offense punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment on each count.

The case will be prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office.

Attorney General Wilson stressed all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are proven guilty in a court of law.

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